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1. SUMMARY: AUGUST 24 ENMOD WORKING GROUP MEETING REFLECTED US-MEXICAN STALEMATE OVER THRESHOLD APPROACH OF ARTICLE I. INDIA, SUPPORTED BY EASTERN BLOC, KEPT PROCEEDINGS ALIVE WITH SUGGESTION THAT CONTACT GROUP CARRY ON CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE I ON BASIS OF INDIAN COMPROMISE PROPOSAL. CONTACT GROUP WILL MEET AUGUST 25. END SUMMARY.

2. US REP (MARTIN) BEGAN AUGUST 24 MEETING OF ENMOD WORKING GROUP BY SUMMARIZING THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS (REPORTED SEPTTEL) HELD THAT MORNING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY, GARCIA-ROBLES. ON ARTICLE III, MARTIN SAID, THE MEXICAN SIDE HAD STATED ITS DESIRE TO DEVELOP A FORMULATION FOR PARA 2 BASED ON THE INDIAN AND MEXICAN VERSIONS (PARAS 8 AND 9 REFTTEL). THE US SIDE HAD INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A FORMULATION SIMILAR TO THE INDIAN ONE PROVIDED ARTICLE I ISSUES COULD BE RESOLVED.

3. ON ARTICLE I, MARTIN CONTINUED, THE US SIDE HAD DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS, ENTIRELY AT THE DELEGATION LEVEL, TO USE THE INDIAN PROPOSALS MADE ON AUGUST 20 (PARA 5 REFTTEL) AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. HOWEVER, MARTIN SAID, THE MEXICAN SIDE HAD INDICATED FIRM OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO THE CONCEPT OF A THRESHOLD IN ARTICLE I, THUS CREATING AN IMPASSE. MARTIN STATED HIS REGRET THAT IMPASSE HAD DEVELOPED AT SUCH A LATE DATE, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT SINCE THE OUTSET OF NEGOTIATIONS THE US HAD MANY TIMES MADE ITS VIEW CLEAR THAT THE THRESHOLD IS IN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT.

4. MEXICAN REP (MARIN) MAINTAINED THAT FROM THE BEGINNING THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD INDICATED THAT THE THREE WORDS "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE". ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO IT. THE WORKING GROUP, HE SAID, WOULD BE BETTER OFF SPENDING ITS REMAINING TIME CONSIDERING HOW AND WHAT IT SHOULD REPORT TO THE CCD PLENARY. HOWEVER, MARIN SIAD, IF THE US DEL WOULD GIVE SOME SIGNAL THAT IT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER DELETING THE THREE WORDS "WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE," THERE WOULD BE SOME REASON TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS IN THE WORKING GROUP. MARIN ADDED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICO, LIKE ARGENTINA (PARA 3 REFTTEL), WOULD NOT OPPOSE A CONSENSUS CCD DECISION TO TRANSMIT THE ENMOD DRAFT TO UNGA, BUT WOULD RESERVE ITS POSITION IN REGARD TO UNGA ACTION.

5. INDIAN REP (MISHRA), DECLARING THAT HE HAD HEARD THE VIEWS OF THE US AND MEXICO WITH RESPECT AND ATTENTION BUT ALSO WITH REGRET, SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE, GIVEN THE GOOD

WILL DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO THROW IN THE TOWEL. INSTEAD, MISHRA SAID, THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE TO TRY TO FIND SOME WAY TO NARROW THE DIFFERENCES.

6. USSR REP (LIKHACHEV) STATED THAT THE SOVIET DEL IS WILLING TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT, USING BOTH THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF ARTICLE I AND THE INDIAN PROPOSALS. GDR (HERDER), POLAND (PAC), BULGARIA (GRINBERG), AND MONGOLIA (JARGALSAIKHAN) ALL SUPPORTED SOVIET VIEW. IN DOING SO, POLISH REP (PAC) REMARKED THAT THE CO-SPONSORS HAD INDICATED ELEMENTS OF FLEXIBILITY, AND THAT THE SAME FLEXIBILITY SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM ALL DELS.

7. INDIAN REP (MISHRA) RECOMMENDED THAT AT THIS STAGE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE I COULD BEST BE CARRIED OUT IN A SMALL CONTACT GROUP OPEN TO ALL DELS, PROVIDED THAT THE CO-SPONSORS PARTICIPATE. CANADIAN REP (SIMARD) AGREED, MAINTAINING THAT SINCE THE INDIAN PROPOSALS COULD PRODUCE THE GREATEST DEGREE OF CONSENSUS, THE CONTACT GROUP COULD WORK ON THIS BASIS TOWARD DEVELOPING A FINAL TEXT. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) SAID HE WOULD SEE VALUE IN FURTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON ARTICLE I, BUT ONLY IF THOSE WHO HAVE CRITICIZED THE ORIGINAL DRAFT, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA AMONG THEM, ARE WILLING TO TAKE PART AND TO USE THE INDIAN PROPOSALS AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS. FINALLY, IT WAS AGREED THAT SMALL CONTACT GROUP WOULD MEET WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 AT 11:30.

8. NEXT MEETING OF THE ENMOD WORKING GROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25 AT 4:00 P.M.CATTO

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